

JAPAN TO ACCEPT NAVY RATIO PLAN

TARFF BOARD HEARS DEBATE BY WITNESSES

Framers of New Law Presented With Many Questions by Interested Parties.

OPPOSE LIQUOR RATES

Increased Protection for Cotton Growers in Southwest Is Requested.

By Associated Press.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 13.—Tariff framers on the senate finance committee had a course in mental gymnastics Tuesday following the combination of subjects presented by a dozen or more witnesses. The discussion ranged all the way from canary birds to cows and from near beer to champagne, with onions, spaghetti, candy, nuts, tomato paste and other items thrown in.

The specific schedules under consideration were those dealing with agriculture products and provisions and liquors, wines and other beverages. Liquor importers, through Levi Cooke, of this city, protested against the proposed rates of \$5 a gallon on brandy and \$6 a gallon on champagne, pointing out that these were in addition to the internal revenue tax of \$2.20 a gallon. Calling attention that under the law liquors could not be imported for beverages, Mr. Cooke questioned the use of putting a high tariff on the liquor.

Increased protection for the long staple cotton growing industry in the southwest was asked of the committee by Gov. Campbell of Arizona, and Dwight B. Heard, of Phoenix, publisher of the Arizona Republic. They said the growing of this cotton promised that a development would put to use much arid land in Arizona, California and New Mexico, and asked that it be protected from the Egyptian product.

Other industries seeking greater protection included the cattle growers of the west, the onion growers of Ohio, and Texas, tomato paste manufacturers in Indiana, macaroni manufacturers and candy manufacturers generally who were represented as anticipating keen competition from England, France and Germany. Especially in low price in the candies.

May Increase Duty. J. M. Stansbury of Ohio speaking in behalf of the national onion growers association told the committee that the duty on onions provided in the emergency bill had not proven adequate and that the American growers were alarmed by the possibility of being made in the American market by Spanish onion growers, who, he said, developed their industry extensively during the war.

Not all of the witnesses sought greater protection. While asking for a higher duty on candy, the national confectioners association through its spokesman, Walter C. Hughes of Chicago, sought lower rates on shell almonds and on walnuts.

J. C. Carmo, president of the Italian Chamber of Commerce, New York City, asked for lower rates on cheese and lemons and for substantially the existing rates on olive oil, almonds, walnuts, tomato sauce, canned tomatoes, preserved fish and peas and beans.

O'CONNOR TRAIL LOST BY POLICE

Maze of "Tips" Completely Baffles Officers Working to Locate Slayer.

By Associated Press.

CHICAGO, Dec. 13.—The trail of "Lucky Tommy" O'Connor tonight apparently was lost in the maze of "tips" that have poured into the detective bureau from all parts of the country since the escape Sunday from the county jail of the "two gun" bad man who was to have been hanged Thursday for the murder of a Chicago detective.

Run Down Rumors. While hundreds of police and detectives Tuesday continued to run down dozens of rumors from half a dozen states, it was frankly admitted by the police tonight that O'Connor's whereabouts was as much a mystery as it was an hour after he had scaled the walls of the Cook county jail with two companions after terrorizing guards and prisoners with a revolver.

Officers Hunt. During the day five detectives, according to Hartford, Wis., on a tip that O'Connor was there, were injured when their automobile turned over a short distance from Milwaukee. The tip was false.

A hearing on a motion to stay the execution of the fugitive until an appeal could be taken to the United States supreme court was postponed.

THE WEATHER
INDIANA.—Cloudy Wednesday; probably light snow in north Thursday; generally fair, but much change in temperature.
LOWER MICHIGAN.—Snow Wednesday; Thursday cloudy; little change in temperature.

Criticizes Work Of Will Hayes in Selecting Aides

WASHINGTON, Dec. 13.—Postmaster General Hays was criticized in the house Tuesday by Rep. Wingo, dem., Arkansas, who declared he was overturning the civil service commission to obtain appointments of faithful republicans as postmasters.

Mr. Wingo referred to Mr. Hays as a Presbyterian deacon, who is "pretending to run a Sunday school in the post office department." "His real claim for distinction," declared Mr. Wingo, "is that he is a past master of partisan politics and that he was put into the place to take care of faithful republicans."

HOOVER IN APPEAL TO CONGRESS FOR STARVING RUSSIANS

Commerce Secretary Seeks Appropriation of Twenty Million Dollars.

By Associated Press.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 13.—Effective food relief in Russia must be administered by congressional action, Sec'y Hoover declared to the foreign affairs committee Tuesday in asking an appropriation of \$20,000,000 for the purchase of food supplies for starving Russians.

The question could not be solved by public charity he said, explaining that voluntary contributions to Russian relief workers since August had not amounted to \$500,000.

In urging purchase of twice the amount of grain recommended last week by the committee, Mr. Hoover said that the situation required it.

Supplies inadequate. The supplies contemplated in the Fordney bill he declared were inadequate. In addition to the grain he said, 500,000 cases of condensed milk should be sent to Russia for three and one-half million starving children.

James Goodrich, former governor of Indiana, joined that a \$20,000,000 appropriation he rushed through congress. Mr. Hoover estimated it would be physically impossible to distribute more than 22,000,000 bushels of grain in the lower Volga region during the next six months but he contended that an effort would be made to place that quantity at the disposal of the starving population.

America's Effort. When the secretary stated that the purchase of grain for distribution in Russia would afford some effort on the part of America, Blanton, of Texas stated that the resolution should be confined to the humanitarian side of the question.

Fred Gompers, also appeared before the committee and endorsed the proposed extension of relief to Russia. He declared, however, that he in no way endorsed the soviet regime, characterizing it as a vulture government.

DROP CHARGE AGAINST LOS ANGELES DOCTOR

LOS ANGELES, Dec. 13.—The charge against Dr. M. E. Eumwell death resulted in a manslaughter charge against Roscoe C. ("Fat") Arbuckle, who was dismissed in police court Tuesday. The prosecution said it was convinced Dr. Eumwell did not intend to violate the city health ordinance under which he was charged.

DECKER CASE GOES TO JURORS TODAY

Defendant Takes Stand in Own Defense—Denies State's Testimony.

By Associated Press.

COLUMBIA CITY, Ind., Dec. 13.—Fred Decker, charged with complicity in the murder of Leroy Lovett, took the stand in his own behalf Tuesday. The defendant entered what practically amounted to a general denial of all previous testimony by state witnesses linking him with the alleged murder.

Decker was on the stand for more than two hours.

The witness said he had never positively identified the body of Lovett as that of his brother, Virgil Decker, as had been testified to by state witnesses.

He also denied that Cal Decker, another brother, had positively identified the body.

Allegations by state's witnesses that he had insisted on an early burial of the body, were branded as false by the witness, who said the undertakers in charge of Lovett's remains had suggested immediate burial because of the condition of the corpse. He also denied knowledge of the large amount of insurance carried by Virgil Decker, when the state contends he intended to collect after he had identified the body of Lovett as that of Virgil.

Only a few defense witnesses remained to be examined and it is expected the defense will close Wednesday morning and the greater part of the day given over to rebuttal arguments. The case is expected to go to the jury.

DEMOCRATS TO REMAIN SILENT ON PROPOSALS

Leaders Complete Canvass of Sentiment on Pacific Four Power Treaty.

TO AVOID ARGUMENTS

Sen. La Follette Issues Statement Setting Forth Opposition to Program.

By Associated Press.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 13.—The attitude of democratic senators on the Pacific four-power treaty for the time being will be one of silence, some of their leaders declared Tuesday after a canvass of the situation. The democrats, it was explained, desired to avoid discussion which might interfere with the armament conference and also to give the republican leaders an opportunity to submit an explanation of the "intent" of the quadruple pact.

There were several other senators, however, who declined to be listed as concurring in a policy of silence. Their reasons were said to have included those assigned by Sen. La Follette, of Wisconsin, a republican irreconcilable, in the Versailles treaty fight, who issued a statement Tuesday setting forth his opposition to the four-power treaty.

Denounces Treaty. Mr. La Follette in his statement denounced the treaty as one which would provoke rather than avoid hostilities.

The crux of the democratic position, as advanced by one senator, was that it was not known what had gone on behind the closed doors of the conference session and therefore no senator could take any position of criticism or commendation of the basic reasons for which had not been officially disclosed.

One question said to have been broached informally was whether the ratification of the treaty was to take a step toward world peace, whether it amounted to an alliance to insure world domination of commerce for the powers concerned. The question as to the definition of the meaning of article 2 also was said to have arisen in discussions.

Sen. Robinson, democrat, Arkansas, said later that in his opinion under article 19 of the League of Nations covenant required a unanimous vote of the council before action could be taken, article 2 of the Pacific agreement permitted a majority of the contracting parties to ratify.

While most of the democrats indicated their willingness to await a republican statement before speaking on the treaty, Sen. Reed, democrat, Missouri, one of the League of Nations irrecconcilables, said he expected "to have something to say about the proposition within a few days." He gave no indication of the form his speech would take.

MINER IS KILLED IN COLORADO EXPLOSION

MORRISON, Colo., Dec. 13.—One miner is known to have lost his life and five others are entombed in the Salsburg mine of the Colorado Fuel and Iron company, where an explosion occurred Tuesday afternoon. Other miners in the property when the explosion occurred escaped or were rescued.

One body brought to the surface that of William Jones, miner. These underground and buried to be dead are also miners and include Gerry Dunn, of Morrison, superintendent of the mine.

ADOPT NEW RULES FOR RAIL WORKERS

United States Board Sets Up New Schedule to Govern Shop Workers.

By Associated Press.

CHICAGO, Dec. 13.—Slashing extra pay provisions for the first two hours of work after the eight hour day's work from rule governing railway maintenance of way employees the United States railway labor board has set up a schedule of ten hours a day as the regular working day for common laborers.

Practically all section gangs were asked to replace the national agreement made under government control.

The principle of eight consecutive hours shall constitute "a day's work" is retained, however, and time and one-half pay is granted after ten hours work.

The new provisions make possible a ten hour day without penalizing the railroads, which were compelled under the federal agreement to pay time and one-half after eight hours. Practically all section gangs work more than eight hours a day, due to time necessary for traveling to and from the point of operations and because of the seasonal nature of the work, making long hours necessary to take advantage of good weather. In new rules announced Tuesday, exactly one year after the agreement was made between the United States railroad administration and the United Brotherhood of Maintenance of way employees and shop laborers. The rules become effective Dec. 16, reached on rules to supplant the national agreement.

Many rules had been agreed upon by a majority of roads and in such cases the federal counter parts were remanded to roads not reaching an agreement for further consideration.

Winners Among Feline Royalty



Lord Echson and Silver Princess walked off with a few blue ribbons at the annual cat show, New York City. That's Mrs. Estelle Baldwin, their owner, holding them. Yes, the lord and the princess are brother and sister.

MINE LEADERS TO DECIDE ACTION IN KANSAS ARGUMENT

Will Either Accept Command of President Lewis or Farrington.

By Associated Press.

SPRINGFIELD, Ill., Dec. 13.—Personalities were uppermost here Tuesday night in the discussions of the 13 executive board members of the Illinois Mine Workers as they prepared to decide Wednesday morning the question of whether to support the withdrawal from the strikers of Kansas and the request of State Pres. Frank Farrington that assurance of that support be reaffirmed. Both Lewis and Farrington are Springfield men.

Acting upon the direction of the international executive board Pres. Lewis recently wired state headquarters here directing that financial aid for Kansas miners be discontinued. The Illinois executive board will answer that command Wednesday.

Pres. Frank Farrington repeated his belief Tuesday night that they will refuse the demand, and instruct local officials to continue collection of the \$1 a month assessment from each Illinois coal miner, of whom there are about 90,000.

Adopt Military Measure.

PITTSBURGH, Kas., Dec. 13.—Adopting militant measures which included the punelling of resistors and the throwing of red pepper and stones, the crowd of more than 2,000 women relatives of striking Kansas coal miners who Monday prevented the men from going to work in one mine. Tuesday succeeded in keeping the workers out of five pits in the neighborhood of Franklin.

Tuesday there was considerable excitement throughout the entire coal district, with officials said to be contemplating drastic steps to cope with the situation.

No one was injured seriously on Tuesday but officials said the women were so unruly that it was feared the situation might become acute if the disturbers were permitted to carry out their activities unmolested.

Monday the women accomplished their purpose by stretching a huge American flag across the entrance to a mine and "locking" workers to go across. Roadsters were threatened with physical violence.

Tuesday's activities began long before daylight, when the women assembled. According to reports reaching here several of the women leaders went to nearby homes and compelled women and children of the household to dress and join their ranks.

Railroad Shops Shut Down Soon

BALTIMORE, Dec. 13.—Thousands of shopmen employed by the Baltimore and Ohio railway will be furloughed indefinitely Saturday, when shops over the entire system will be shut down.

Business depression and the necessities of effecting economies were given by officials of the road as prompting the action.

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STATE LAWMAKERS READY TO CONVENE SPECIAL SESSION

Claude A. Smith, Princeton, Chosen Leader of House of Representatives.

By Associated Press.

INDIANAPOLIS, Ind., Dec. 13.—Republican members of the house of representatives in the state legislature, in caucus here Tuesday night, named Claude A. Smith, of Princeton, as speaker of the special session that meets Wednesday to act on the reformatory removal law. Mr. Smith was the unopposed choice of the majority members. Jacob D. Mittenberger, of Muncie, withdrawing from the race before the caucus. Mr. Smith will be elected formally at the opening of the special session Wednesday morning, filling the vacancy caused by the death of Speaker John S. McClure, of Anderson.

Except for some opposition to the board of state charities having the final approval of both site and plans for a new reformatory, as proposed by the bill, no developments Tuesday night apparently threatened Gov. McCray's program for a one-day session with action limited to the reformatory measure. The republican caucus, however, rejecting a resolution pledging members to the one item of business but its action was at the suggestion that the pledge might be regarded as a "gentlemen's agreement."

Indications were that this left members free to offer various bills, but that none would be advanced beyond the introductory stage. A disposition also was manifested after the caucus for a thorough discussion of the reformatory bill, which would delay action until late tomorrow night with a possibility of final passage being delayed until on Thursday.

Both Gov. McCray and Republican State Chairman Washburn, in addressing the caucus, urged party harmony with legislative action confined to the reformatory law. The governor declared in favor of a new reformatory asserting that that expenditure of money was inevitable.

PACIFIC TREATY FORMALLY SIGNED

United States, Great Britain, France and Japan Approve New Pact.

By Associated Press.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 13.—The four power Pacific treaty with a reservation attached to make it inapplicable to purely domestic questions and to the American mandate policy, was formally signed Tuesday by the plenipotentiaries of the United States, Great Britain, Japan and France.

The reservation, presented in writing by the American representatives and accepted by all the others, declares that the American attitude toward Pacific mandates shall not be affected by the treaty, and that the treaty provision for a four power consultation on questions arising over the Pacific islands shall not be construed as applying to any problems which, in international law, are only of domestic concern.

No formal ceremony accompanied the signing of seals and signatures. The signing took place in the anteroom of the office of the secretary of state in the presence of a large company of American and foreign officials, advisers and clerks.

There was no speech making, and representatives of the press were not admitted.

The American copy of the treaty now goes to Pres. Harding, who will submit it to the senate for ratification. He probably will not take it to the capitol in person, and he may delay its transmission until the arms conference is nearer a decision on the other important points before it.

It was indicated at the White House Tuesday that Mr. Harding saw no reason for acting hastily.

ENCOUNTER NEW DIFFICULTY IN SHANTUNG CASE

Dispute Arises Concerning Restoration of Kiaochow-Tsinanfu Railway.

JAPS SEEK SECURITY

Chinese Delegates Declare They Cannot Understand Japanese Position.

By Associated Press.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 13.—Some difficulties are believed to have been encountered Tuesday at the conference between the Chinese and Japanese delegates concerning the question of restoration to China of the Kiaochow-Tsinanfu railway, the most important of all subjects being considered in the attempts to settle the Shantung controversy by "conversations."

The Chinese delegates left the conference room in an apparent attitude of dejection, one of them saying:

"We did not make the progress we should have, and do not understand the Japanese position."

Crux of Difficulties.

It is believed that the crux of the difficulty encountered revolves about the question of security that China would be able to give in carrying out her offer to purchase the railway and its adjacent mines. Japan's position is said to be that she is ready to listen to any plan of Chinese payment, but is particularly anxious to determine the kind of security China would be willing to propose. There have been indications that Japan might not be satisfied with an issue of bonds by China unless there was some definite guarantee behind the bonds, as for instance, a security based upon the future profits of the railway or some other form of Chinese revenue.

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Morse is a stockholder in the American Shipbuilding Corporation, a corporation in which the United States Commissioner Isaac R. Hitt, Mr. Morse pleaded not guilty, and upon waiver of hearing was freed from custody upon \$50,000 bond to await the action of the grand jury.

Serve Warrant. The warrant, which was issued upon complaint of Frank Burke, manager of the investigation department of the shipping board, was served on Mr. Morse in Commissioner Hitt's office in the presence of his attorney, Wilton J. Lambert, and District Atty. Gordon. Before leaving Tuesday night for New York, where he will await the outcome of the grand jury proceedings, Morse issued a statement declaring the charges against him to be "unsubstantiated" and "so nebulous and false" as to be impossible to deny specifically.

According to shipping board officials, specific details of the charges against Mr. Morse are to be charged "at the proper time."

Hoosier Grocer Argues Bandits Out of "Cheese"

TERRE HAUTE, Ind., Dec. 13.—"Jump into the ice box, quick," James Hempleman, grocer, got this order Tuesday while looking into the barrels of two revolvers in the hands of a pair of masked hold-up men. But he argued that he had to start a fire and that he did not have enough money for them to bother with. He offered them all the cheese they wanted instead.

The bandits got tired of arguing and fled.

BRITISH CABINET TO CONSIDER PACT AT SESSION TODAY

King Will Open Parliament and Prime Minister Will Review Situation.

By Associated Press.

LONDON, Dec. 13.—The imperial parliament will assemble Wednesday for the purpose of considering the treaty between Great Britain and Ireland. The king will open parliament in state, and the prime minister will review the Irish situation, explain the provisions of the treaty in detail and plead for strong endorsement of the settlement as arranged between the government and the delegates representing southern Ireland.

The house of commons is expected to give the treaty its speedy ratification and in the house of lords Viscount Morley will ask for a similar action.

Simultaneously the Dail Eireann at Dublin will take the treaty under advisement with the Irish plenipotentiaries, headed by Arthur Griffith, seeking its ratification, and Eamon De Valera, the Sinn Fein leader, with a very considerable following, opposing the instrument as it now stands.

Gives Correspondence. Premier Lloyd George Tuesday gave out the correspondence exchanged between himself, as head of the government, and Sir James Craig, dealing with the treaty negotiations. These letters, both dated of Nov. 10 to Dec. 5, were supplemented later by a letter made public by Sir James addressed to the prime minister under date of July 29, which he said was necessary to maintain the sequence of events. The Ulster premier in these letters unequivocally declared that Ulster would not enter an all-Ireland parliament but was willing to accept three out of the four proposals of the British government.

Mr. Lloyd George argued that two dominions in Ireland was indefensible. Eventually two alternatives were offered to Ulster, the one that she retain her existing powers, with additional guarantees if she entered the Irish free state; the other that she retain her present powers, but in respect to all other matters not already delegated to her, share the rights and obligations of Great Britain, with the proviso, however, in the latter case, that her boundary would be subject to revision.

Apparent Progress. Meantime, indications developed that in a number of instances of the Washington negotiations that concerned with Shantung, things were not going so smoothly. After nearly a dozen meetings in which apparent progress had been made Japan and Chinese came out of a conference late showing signs of somewhat dampened hopes.

The question of financial settlements involved in Japanese withdrawal from the Kiaochow leasehold was the stumbling block which arrested the progress of the negotiations. Neither was disposed to regard the situation as a crisis, but each complained that the other had taken a position difficult to understand.

By delegates outside the Japanese and Chinese groups these difficulties and looked upon as entirely temporary and in no way likely to prevent the hoped for conclusion of the conference by the end of the year.

Trend of Conference. Another indication of the general trend of the conference is satisfactory to the leaders was given by the departure for France of Rene Viviani, head of the French delegation. The date of his departure had been fixed for Tuesday.

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CONVICT OFFICIALS IN LIQUOR CASES

Police Chief and Captain of East Chicago Department Sent to Prison.

By Associated Press.

INDIANAPOLIS, Dec. 13.—The East Chicago liquor case was disposed of in United States district court Tuesday, when sentences were imposed upon five men, two of whom were police officials. The other three were proprietors of soft drink establishments.

Edward P. O'Donnell, chief of police, and Thomas Downey, police captain, were found guilty by a jury of the charge of conspiracy to violate the prohibition law. Each was sentenced by Judge A. B. Anderson to serve two years in the federal prison at Leavenworth, Kan.

John Stipanovich, Nick Vukobratovich and Nick Popovich—three defendants, who testified for the government, each received sentences of four months in the Marion county court.

Get One Week. They were permitted their freedom for one week before beginning to serve their sentences, in order that they might arrange business affairs.

Samuel M. Halston, attorney for the defense, declared that government witnesses and three co-defendants had testified through spite against the police officials. During the trial the three men testified that they had paid off the police in order to sell liquor unmolested.

On the motion of District Atty. Van Nuy, Judge Anderson nolle prossed the cases against Stanley Resekowski, an East Chicago alderman and Peter Bajko, another East Chicago soft drink parlor proprietor. The alderman was charged with accepting "protection" money from Bajko for permitting the sale of liquor. Bajko was the only witness against the alderman.

LEADERS CLAIM "SMALL POINT" DELAYS ACTION

Officials Believe Settlement of 5-5-3 Program Will Be Made Soon.

ENTER VITAL STAGE

Foreign Nation Hesitates on Scrapping Newly Constructed Ships.

By Associated Press.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 13.—Japan has indicated conditional acceptance of the American "five-five-three" naval ratio and a final settlement of the question appears imminent. After another meeting of the naval "big three" late Tuesday it was said that "one very small point" alone remained to be determined.

The Japanese exception to the American plan is understood to center about her desire to retain her new battleship Mutsu and scrap instead a vessel of older type. If she is permitted to do so, it is indicated that the United States and Great Britain will insist on similar concessions for themselves always in the ratio of "one-five-three."

Decisive Stage. While the naval problem was entering what appeared to be its decisive stage, another of the big projects of the arms conference was brought to consummation. The new four power treaty to preserve peace in the Pacific was formally signed and signed by the plenipotentiaries of the United States, Great Britain, Japan and France.

The quadruple agreement as finally approved, however, has attached to it a "reservation" proposed by the American delegates and accepted by the other powers. It provides that no purely domestic question shall fall within the scope of the treaty, and that none of the treaty provisions shall be construed as a modification of the American policy toward Japan.

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